

Detailed Action

Drawings

The Examiner accepts the drawings filed on February 8, 2000.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 29-35 and 49-58 are allowed.

The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: The present invention generally discloses fuel dispensers and dispensing systems providing interactive, multimedia functions to a customer. The prior arts of record include the teaching of Smith (US 5,717,374) and Brandt et al. (US 6,108,673). Smith teaches inputting messages such as advertisements, weather reports, road conditions, traffic conditions, etc. over the network in a display in related to fueling station. On the other hand, Brandt teaches a web browser including a thin client in relation to application using graphical user interface to operate a number of portable display tablets. However, the prior arts of record fail to teach, singly or in combination, executing a web browser as a thin client on said interactive graphical user interface and transmitting the selected service from the server over the network to the fixed- location fueling position based on the customer response at the fixed-location fueling position.

The examiner agrees with the applicants' arguments presented in the remarks of November 10, 2008 and has withdrawn the rejection under 35 USC 103 over Smith (US 5,717,374) in view of Brandt et al. (US 6,108,673). The prior arts of records taken

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singly or in combination fail to teach or fairly suggest the claimed invention. Therefore, the examiner favors the allowance of claims 29-35 and 49-58.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thu Thao Havan whose telephone number is (571) 272-8111. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 6am-2pm.

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